

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Strasshof-Deutsch-Wagram Airfield

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 28 July and 6 August 1951

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DATE PREPARED

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1. On 28 July and 2 August 1951, six Pe-2s with round noses and long cockpits were observed in the northwestern corner of Strasshof (P 49/S 50) Airfield. Nine other planes of the same type were parked in the southwestern corner of the installation. 20 other planes parked in the same corner included some with round noses and long cockpits and others with pointed noses and short cockpits. (1)
2. The landing field measured about 1,000 meters x 1,500 meters. Its soil appeared to be loamy. The east-west concrete runway extended beyond the Strasshof - Markgradenriedl (P 49/S 50) highway to the east. Concreting work was observed at the field. The terrain surrounding the field was level, partly plowed up, and partly covered by pine trees.
3. No hangars were observed. A spur track entered the field area from the Strasshof railroad station. Two white railroad tank cars which were presumably used as a fuel dump were seen at the end of the spur track. An unfenced motor vehicle parking area was in the woods northeast of the wooden flight control building. Ten tank trucks, 9 prime movers, and 7 graders were parked in this area. No quartering buildings or AAA positions were observed. A radio truck with a rod antenna about 8 meters high and a truck with a generator were observed in the southeastern corner of the field. Except for the take-off of the Pe-2 no flying was observed between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the two days of observation. 25X1B
4. An aircraft repair shop presumably a minor installation was seen west of the field and south of the Deutsch-Wagram-Strasshof highway. Five Pe-2s with partly removed engines were observed there. A motor vehicle repair shop was located at the eastern town exit of Deutsch-Wagram, south of the road to Strasshof. This installation consisted of a large wooden shed and four low wooden buildings. Many buildings in the northeastern sector of Deutsch-Wagram on both sides of the road to Strasshof quartered Soviet troops. Source believed that the unit stationed at Strasshof Airfield was quartered there. (2)
5. Between 10:15 and 11:30 a.m., on 1 August, 36 Pe-2s were observed parked along the western edge of the field. The 60 Pe-2s previously parked along the eastern edge of the installation were no longer there. (3) The weather was clear and there was no flying.

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6. Repair work was observed on the runway. About 8 tents and a large motor vehicle parking site were seen in the northeastern corner of the field. (4) Only very light traffic was observed in front of the buildings in Strasshof occupied by the Soviets. Truck B 4-53-73 was seen. Six Pe-2s were being repaired at the aircraft repair shop in Deutsch-Wagram. There was no change in the status of the buildings occupied by Soviets. Soviet traffic in Deutsch-Wagram was light. Motor vehicles observed included:

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7. From 4:30 to 6 p.m. on 6 August 36 Pe-2s were observed parked in the western portion of Strasshof Airfield. (3) A construction detail in charge with the repair of the runway and the levelling and rolling of the terrain along its sides lived in 6 to 10 tents in the northeastern corner of the field. The detail about 150 men [REDACTED] Twelve full-track vehicles, 8 rollers, and 8 graders were counted, but another estimated 8 full-track vehicles appeared to be available. The construction detail was engaged in reconditioning damaged sections of the runway, the joints of which were filled with tar or asphalt. Source observed that a concrete stretch of the runway, about 200 meters long, extended beyond the road toward the east. This stretch was continued by a 200 meters' stretch consisting of rolled ballast. The latter stretch represented a recently started extension of the runway. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The Pe-2s fitted with different noses represent the two versions with one-man and two-man crews respectively. The planes that carry a two-man crew are trainers.
- (2) For sketch of the airfield and installations in Strasshof and Deutsch-Wagram, see Annex.
- (3) Only one bomber regiment is presently stationed in Deutsch-Wagram. The other regiment stationed there has been temporarily transferred to the Seyring Airfield for training purposes. [REDACTED] Three bomber regiments were previously believed to be located in Deutsch-Wagram. The whereabouts of the 3d regiment is not known. 25X1A
- (4) Work on the repair and extension of the runway is reported for the first time. It appears that a stretch of at least 1,700 meters is concreted and that the runway is scheduled to be lengthened to about 2,000 meters.

1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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